AMENDMENTS

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 8, line 18, as follows:

For example, in the case where the user desires to change the line speed of the selected network element 21, the network element 21 may be configured to control its line speed based on a control value stored in a control register (not shown) residing within the network element 21. In this example, the EMS 28 may be configured to overwrite the foregoing control value with a new value based on the command received from the client 31. In other examples, other techniques may be employed by the EMS 28 in servicing other types of configuration change commands received from the clients 31. For more information pertaining to how the EMS 28 may be configured, refer to commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application No. 10/068,313, entitled "System and Method for Managing Elements of a Communication Network," ~~(attorney docket no. 01-2122.02),~~ and filed on February 6, 2002, which is incorporated herein by reference.